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Showcase of US Fine Foods and Beverages Attract Top Food Franchises

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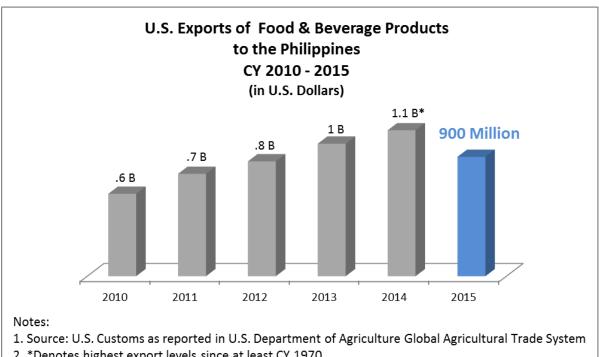
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Report Highlights:

In a first-time cooperative marketing effort with the U.S. Commercial Service—Manila, the Foreign Agricultural Service in Manila organized a combination trade show/reception with key decision makers from major food franchises and foodservice players across the Philippines, and . The event showcased the availability, quality and applications of U.S. fine foods and beverages, and was supported by the Philippine Franchise Association and the Hotel and Restaurant Purchasing Managers Association of the Philippines. The CSSF allocation for Trade Promotional Programs was used to support this outreach activity.

About U.S. F&B Exports to the Philippines

The Philippines is the largest U.S. food & beverage (F&B) export market in Southeast Asia and one of the fastest growing markets in the world. Despite significant price declines in many agricultural commodities and a strong U.S. dollar, export sales of U.S. F&B products to the Philippines still reached \$900 million in 2015, just below the 2014 record of \$1.1 billion. F&B remains the premier growth sector for U.S. agriculture in the Philippines due to the country's robust economy, steady expansion of the food industry, and consumer familiarity with American brands.



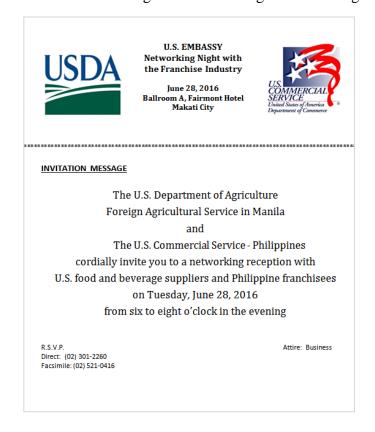
2. *Denotes highest export levels since at least CY 1970

Philippine Food Franchise Sector

Food Franchises are a major part of daily life in the Philippines. U.S. and international chains ranging from Starbucks and McDonalds to Teddy's Bigger Burger are widespread. Chains such as Kenny Rogers Roasters and Shakey's Pizza are experiencing remarkable success in the Philippines, and the Philippines' own world class franchises such as Jollibee, combine to create a franchise sector that has few equivalents.

The Philippine food franchise sector continues to grow driven by the robust economy, growing disposable income among the upper and middle class, proliferation of retail shopping centers, steady influx of tourists, rapid growth of the business process outsourcing (BPO) sector, and increase in number of women joining the workforce. Dining out continues to be an important aspect of Filipino family bonding and celebration.

Food franchises require high-quality F&B products such as meats, poultry, seafood, dairy products, processed fruits & vegetables, fruit juices, dried fruits, nuts, wines and craft beers. Operators are keen on introducing new and exciting menu offerings.





Fellowship with Food Franchises Trade Show & Reception

June 28, 2016, Fairmont Hotel Manila

The U.S. Commercial Service—Manila and the Foreign Agricultural Service in Manila organized a combination trade show/reception with key decision makers from major food franchises and foodservice players across the Philippines to: a) Showcase the availability, quality and applications of U.S. fine foods and beverages, b) Link importers with food franchises, and c) Identify market access issues, trends and new trade opportunities.



The event was supported by the Philippine Franchise Association and the Hotel and Restaurant Purchasing Managers Association of the Philippines, and attended by 180 key decision makers of U.S. and Philippine -grown food franchises including Burger King, Chowking, Dencio's, Dunkin' Donuts, Greenwich, Jamba Juice, Jollibee, KFC, Krispy Kreme, Le Couer de France, McDonald's, Mang Inasal, Max's, Mister Donut, Pancake House, Red Ribbon, Shakey's, Tokyo Tokyo, Yellow Cab and Wendy's, and other foodservice players. Fifteen importers highlighted a wide variety of fine foods and beverages.

Philippine Importers	Brands/Products
Benby Enterprises	Swiss Miss Dark Choco Mocha
	Frito Lay Honey BBQ Chips
	Cheetos Crunchy Cheddar
Bugle Boy Distributors	Roar Performance Drinks
Dane International Commodities	Raisins, Almonds, Walnuts, Trail Mixes
Equilibrium Intertrade Corp.	Torani Flavoring Syrups
	Mocafe Powder
	David Rio Powder
Emperador Distillers	Barefoot Wines
GEMCO - Welch's Philippines	Welch's Grape Juice Products
Global Beer Exchange	Craft Beers (various brands)
Global Noble International Corp.	Clos Du Bois Wines
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	Milbrandt Traditions Wines
Global Strategic Partners and	Michigan Pie Filling
Distribution, Inc.	Snapple Juice and Tea Drinks
	Jollytime Popcorn
	Aloe Vera Juice
Link Import Export Enterprise	Sunmaid raisins
	Oceanspray cranberry juice/syrup
	Old Fashion Cheeses
	Falcon's Valley Maraschino
	Cherries
	Comstock Pie Fillings
Metro Wine Center	Estancia California Wines
Mida Food Corp.	Scallop Meat
	Alaskan Black Cod
	Whole Cooked Maine Lobster
My Own Meat Shop	Strip Steaks
PTC Commercial Corp./ESV	IBP Brisket Fingers
International	Johnsonville Sausages
	Mission Tortilla Wrap
Snapsnacks Foods/Candy Corner	Jelly Belly Candies
	Brown & Haley Candies
	Nestle Wonka Candies

